

Ovarian Cancer:

Epidemiology: (How Common is ovarian Cancer in females?) (MCQ)

- The **5th** Most Common cancer in ♀ (1-Lung CA 2-Breast CA 3-Cholonic CA 4-Blood CA)
- Life time risk = **1:70** (Breast CA = 1:12)
- ± **7000** new cases/year → ± **4500** deaths/year ■ **85% > 50 yrs**
- ****Silent Killer**: Always presented in the late stages

Risk factors for Ovarian Cancer

A) Non-adjustable •Female • Age •Family/genetic •Infertility

B) Adjustable:

- Screening: 1-Pelvic exam 2-Tumor markers (e.g. CA125) 3-USS
- Medications: Oral contraceptives (But Increased risk of breast cancer)
- Surgery: 1-Salpingo-oophorectomy 2-Tubal ligation 3-Hysterectomy
- **Tubal ligation & Hysterectomy are performed after a woman has completed childbearing and they should not be performed solely for ovarian cancer risk reduction.

The Majority of cases of ovarian cancer are presented by (**Massive ASCITES**) d.t. Metastasis

Screening in asymptomatic women (Useful or not ?)

1-Pelvic examination 2-Ultrasound scanning 3-Serum tumour markers - CA125
4-Doppler USS (↑ Vascularization) 5-CT scan

Screening trials had **NO impact on **mortality** from Ovarian cancer:

- **Anatomic location** of the ovary ➔ not easily accessible
- Lack well defined precursor lesion and has poorly defined **natural history**
- **Low prevalence** ➔ need exquisite specificity to avoid unnecessary intervention
- Lack of **a good method**

False positives: (high markers but doesn't mean ovarian cancer)

↑ **Serum CA125** are associated with:

- 1-Malignant tumours of the ovary, pancreas, breast, lung, and colon
- 2-Menstruation - Pregnancy - endometriosis - PID - liver disease
- 3-Ascites, pleural or pericardial effusions 4-Recent laparotomy

False Negatives: (خطر جدا إنك تنفي السرطان اعتمادا عليه بس)

- 1-CA-125 is negative (<35 U/mL) in ± 50% of patients with stage 1 ovarian cancer.
- 2-Ultrasound relies on a mass and can miss small volume tumors

Diagnostic tools: (for any cancer)

- **Clinical:** non-specific symptoms - Pelvic mass
- **Radiological:** USS - CT scan
- **Biochemical:** serum CA125/CEA
- **Laparoscopy/Laparotomy:** Histology - cytology

Risk of Malignancy Index (RMI):

Features	RMI Score
A) Ultrasound features: 1-Multi-locular cyst 2-Solid areas 3-bilateral lesions 4-Ascites 5-intra-abdominal metastases	0= none 1= one abnormality 3= two or more abnormalities
B) Menopausal score	1= Pre-Menopausal 3= Post-Menopausal
C) Serum CA125 levelU/ml

RMI score = Ultrasound score x Menopausal score x CA125 level in U/ml.

Risk	RMI	Risk of Cancer
Low	<25	3%
Moderate	25-250	20%
High	>250	75%

All high risk cases should be managed by **A Gyne-oncologist**

Ovarian Cancer (FIGO Staging):

- Stage I** - Growth limited to the ovaries Ovary removal دي المرحلة اللي نتمنى نكتشف فيها علشان العلاج بس
- Stage II** - Growth involving one or both ovaries with pelvic extension
- Stage III** - Tumour involving one or both ovaries with histologically confirmed peritoneal implants outside the pelvis and/or positive retroperitoneal or inguinal nodes.
- Stage IV** - Involving one or both ovaries with distant metastases (LLBB → Liver, Lung, Brain, and Bone)
- 5-year survival rates: **(MCQ):**
Stage I ▶ 95% **Stage II ▶ 65%** **Stage III ▶ 30%** **Stage IV ▶ 15%** **Overall ▶ 30%**

Principles of treatment of Apparent Early disease:

- 1-MID-LINE INCISION** (no other incision allowed)
- 2-Assessment of peritoneal cytology**, hysterectomy, removal of ovaries and Fallopian tubes and infracolic omentectomy should be performed
- 3-AVOID Capsular rupture** during surgery 4-Remove the affected organ **with clear margins**
- 5-In women who wish to **conserve their fertility** a **unilateral Salpingo-oophorectomy** may be performed if the contralateral ovary appears normal and the **risk of recurrent** disease developing must be **discussed** thoroughly.

**** (Sandwich Regimen = Chemo then Surgery then Chemo)**

Primary optimal cytoreductive surgery where residual tumor deposits are **no more than 1 cm** in diameter + Adjuvant Chemotherapy

Chemotherapy: **1-Carboplatin** (no Side Effects, Mickey Mouse) **2-Paclitaxel**

Palliative treatment: Symptomatic TTT to **improve** quality of life

Gynecological cancer risk in patients with genetic mutations:

Mutation	Ovarian CA Risk
BRCA1	50%
BRCA2	27%
Lynch Syndrome	12%

Risk reducing surgery in BRCA1/2 Carriers:

- *Prophylactic bilateral mastectomy 90%** ▶ reduction in breast CA risk
 - *Prophylactic bilateral oophorectomy <40 yrs** ▶
 - 95% reduction in ovarian CA risk (not 100%) ●50% reduction in breast CA risk
- Peritoneal cancer following prophylactic bilateral oophorectomy ▶ ~5% (not 0%)**



Ovarian cancer in young patients: ▶ Likely to be **Germ cell tumour**

Rare (5% of all ovarian malignancy)

- Dysgerminomas → secrete **LDH**
- Teratomas → secretes **Thyroxine**
- Granulosa cell tumour → secretes **inhibin**
- Embryonal carcinoma → secretes **AFP**
- Choriocarcinoma → secretes **hCG**

Endometrial Cancer:

Incidence increasing (d.t. hormone replacement therapy and ↑ screening)

- 3700 cases/yr**
- Age group:** 60-70 yrs
- The majority** → present in early stages

Aetiology: (↑**ESTROGEN**)

A) Exogenous: 1-Hormone Replacement Therapy 2-Tamoxifen (TTT of Breast CA)

B) Endogenous:

1-Obesity: d.t. peripheral conversion of Androgen to Estrogen (Estrone E1Ss) (**MCQ**)

2-PCOS (Polycystic ovary syndrome) 3-Delayed menopause - Early menarche

4-Estrogen secreting tumours of the ovary (e.g. Granulosa cell tumor)

5-Diabetes / Hypertension

Presentation:

Symptoms:

1-PMB (post-menopausal bleeding) واحدة عندها 60 سنة والدكتور يغلط ويقولها ده طبيعي دي الدورة كده هتقطع

2-Perimenopausal bleeding 3-Vaginal discharge

Signs: 1-Often none 2-Bulky uterus

Investigations for patients with PMB:

1- Pelvic ultrasound (ET >5mm) 2- Out-patient endometrial biopsy 3- Hysteroscopy and biopsy

Risk of Endometrial cancer in women with PMB (not on HRT):

- Pre-test risk = 10%**
- Post-test risk (ET > 3mm) = 20%**
- Post-test risk (ET < 3mm) = 1%**

Pre-operative Assessment:

***Aim:**

- Exclude distant metastasis staging
- Determine extent of surgery
- Fitness for surgery

***Assessment:**

- Examination
- Chest X-ray
- CT/MRI scan Abdomen/pelvis

- Bloods ▶ Haematology - Biochemistry screen

Spread of the endometrial cancer:

a) Adjacent Structures: (Tubal – Ovarian – Vaginal)

b) LNs: (Lateral pelvis → Internal iliac → Para-aortic)

Staging and Grading (FIGO):

A) Staging (Extend of the Cancer)

Stage I. Cancer is limited to the uterus. Stage II. Cancer involves the uterus and cervix.

Stage III. Cancer has spread out of the uterus but limited to pelvic region.

Stage IV. Cancer has spread to the bladder, bowel, or other distant locations.

B) Grading (How active is the cells)

- Grade 1** ▶ Well-differentiated
- Grade 2** ▶ Moderately-differentiated
- Grade 3** ▶ Poorly-differentiated

Treatment: Surgery

TAH/BSO/washings → can be curable in early stages

(Total Abdominal Hysterectomy and Bilateral Salpingo-Oophorectomy)

Post-op radiotherapy → when disease spread into outer muscle of uterus/cervix involvement

أي حاجة بره Pelvis تأخذ chemo وأي حاجة جوه Pelvis تأخذ Radio بعد Surgery

Types of Hysterectomy (د كمال عبد الحميد)

***Radical Hysterectomy:** Uterus + Cervix + Upper part of the Vagina (\pm pelvic lymphadenectomy)

***Total Hysterectomy:** Uterus + Cervix

***Pan Hysterectomy:** Uterus + Cervix + Tubes + Ovaries

-If patient **not fit** for operation give her **Progesterone** (Mirena Coil)

5-Year survival rate:

Stage I ▶ 90% **Stage II** ▶ 60% **Stage III** ▶ 40% **Stage IV** ▶ 5%

Prevention:

a) **Oppose the exogenous Oestrogen** (HRT - Tamoxifen): Progesterone – Oral or Mirena coil - OCPs

b) **Control the Endogenous Oestrogen:** Control Obesity / Diabetes / Hypertension

c) **Early detection:** Report warning symptoms – PMB/discharge
